



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2007-12-0260

May 28, 2008

### SEXUAL PREDATOR OFFENSE

*Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:*

This case involved the assistance of Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Special Agent Chuck Coffin in the prosecution of Defendant on multiple criminal offenses. The OIG is a law enforcement agency which is charged to assist prosecuting attorneys upon request.

On March 15, 2004, Defendant was arrested and then released on bond for Failure to Register as a sex offender in Lawrence County, Indiana. The original offenses for which he was convicted were committed in Wyoming.

On August 14, 2006, Defendant was arrested on a Marion County Grand Jury warrant for Child Solicitation IC 35-42-4-6 (9 counts) and Dissemination of Matter Harmful to Minors IC 35-49-3-3 (4 counts). The arrest came as a result of Defendant being apprehended in an on-line sex predator sting operated by Marion County law enforcement agencies.

On this same date, SA Coffin received a telephone call at his residence

from a confidential informant who advised that Defendant was trying to sell some handguns and a long gun in order to raise bond money. Coffin knew of Defendant and that he was a convicted felon and as such Defendant was prohibited from being in possession of firearms.

On August 15, 2006, SA Coffin confirmed that Defendant was an unregistered sex offender and also that Defendant had multiple felony convictions in at least six other states.

A Special Agent for the ATF was notified of the allegation that Defendant was a convicted felon illegally in possession of and trying to sell firearms. SA Coffin also notified Defendant's Probation Officer in Lawrence County, Indiana of Defendant's internet predator sting arrest in Marion County.

On August 25, 2006, Lawrence County Superior Court II revoked Defendant's bond and ordered his immediate arrest for violation of bond conditions established when he bonded out on the March 15, 2004 charge.

On November 11, 2006, Defendant pled guilty to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, a class "D" felony. Over the next several months leading to February 12, 2007, documentation confirming Defendant's convictions was gathered from various states. The documentation was compiled and forwarded to Defendant's Probation Officer for Defendant's pre-sentence report. The Lawrence County Court then sentenced Defendant to three years, with one and one-half years suspended. For the remaining Marion County charges, SA Coffin, at the request of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, also prepared a briefing

document regarding Defendant's criminal history. This resulted in a sentence by Marion Superior Criminal Court I on January 22, 2008, to a six-year sentence to the Department of Corrections.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David O. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General